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In re Application of Song Han, Prabuddha Biswas, and Jing Wu Application No. 09/993,670 Filed: November 27, 2001 Attorney Docket No.: 19111.0053 Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING LOCATION-BASED EVENT SERVICE

DECISION DISMISSING PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.137(F) AS MOOT

This is a decision on the petition filed on May 29, 2003, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.137(f), to revive the above-identified application.

A grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(f) must be accompanied by:

- (1) Notification of the filing of an application in a foreign country or under a multinational treaty that requires 18 month publication<sup>1</sup>;
- (2) The petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m), and;
- (3) A statement that the entire delay in filing the notice from the date that the notice was due under 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(iii) until the date the notice was filed was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

Petitioner states that the instant nonprovisional application is the subject of an application filed in either a foreign country or an international application on November 26, 2002.

On November 26, 2002, a Request to Rescind the Nonpublication Request was filed with the Office. Therefore, the Nonpublication Request was rescinded prior to the foreign filing. If an applicant makes a nonpublication request and then rescinds the nonpublication request before or

<sup>1</sup> See PTO/SB/36 and paragraph on PTO/SB/64a for further information. Both may be downloaded at http://www.uspto.gov/web/forms/index.html.



on the date a counterpart application is filed in an eighteen-month publication country, the application will be treated as if the nonpublication request were never made<sup>2</sup>.

For the reason set forth above, the petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(f) is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

As such, no petition fee is necessary. The petition fee has been refunded to petitioner's Deposit Account, as authorized in the petition.

After the mailing of this decision, the application file will be forwarded to Technology Center 2100 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0011.

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<sup>2</sup> Rescission generally has the effect of voiding, repealing, or annulling a previous action. See Black's Law Dictionary 1308 (7th ed. 1999) (second definition: to make void, to repeal, or annul). Thus, if an applicant makes a nonpublication request under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i) and then rescinds (pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(ii)) the nonpublication request before or on the date a counterpart application is filed in an eighteenmonth publication country, the nonpublication request under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i) will be treated as annulled and the application will be treated as if the nonpublication request had never been made. See http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/35usc122b2binterpret.htm.